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SUMMARY: SIX NEW WITNESSES TESTIFIED AT SIREGAR TRIAL DURING WEEK OF SEPT 9-14. FIRST FOUR (PARTICIPANTS IN JAKARTA STUDENT ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO JANUARY 15) GENERALLY SUPPORTED SIREGAR, DENYING OR CLAIMING NO KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED SIREGAR SUBVERSIVE STATEMENTS IN PRE-JANUARY PERIOD. FIFTH WITNESS, UNIVERSITY INDONESIA (UI) FACULTY MEMBER AND ADVISOR TO STUDENT "DISCUSSION GROUP," IN PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT READ BY COURT DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SIREGAR, DISCUSSION GROUP AND BANNED SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI), BUT DURING ORAL TESTIMONY REQUESTED THAT REPORT BE WITHDRAWN ON GROUNDS IT CONTAINED ONLY SPECULATION AND NOT BASED ON FACT. FINAL WITNESS, STUDENT LEADER FROM JOGJAKARTA, TESTIFIED THAT SIREGAR HAD AGITATED AMONG JOGJA STUDENTS FOR COORDINATED STUDENT EFFORTS

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OF SECURITY AGENCY KOPKAMTIB; SIREGAR COUNTERED THAT JOGJA STUDENTS WERE ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN THESE EFFORTS PRIOR TO HIS VISIT. WEEK'S SESSIONS FEATURED NUMEROUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN JUDGE AND BOTH WITNESSES AND DEFENSE COUNSEL ON WITNESSES' RIGHTS AS WELL AS RELEVANCE OF VARIOUS PORTIONS OF TESTIMONY. OVERALL COMMENT BY SEPTEL. FOLLOWING BASED ON PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1. 22ND THROUGH 25TH SESSIONS SIREGAR TRIAL SEPT 9-12
HEARD FOUR ADDITIONAL PRO-SIREGAR STUDENT WITNESSES:
PATANIARI SIAHAAN, CHARIMAN OF TRISAKTI UNIV. STUDENT COUNCIL; BOLEY CARPUS DA LOPEZ, ATMAJAYA UNIV. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN; ABDUL SALIM HUTADJULU, CHAIRMAN UI SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT STUDENT SENATE AND MEMBER UI STUDENT ASSEMBLY; AND JOHN PANGEMANAN, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN OF JAKARTA SPORTS COLLEGE. TESTIMONY OF ALL FOUR WITNESSES SUPPORTED SIREGAR CLAIMS THAT HE PLAYED RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN PRE-JANUARY STUDENT PROTEST MOVEMENT AND THAT STUDENTS WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR JANUARY 15 VIOLENCE. WITNESSES BLAMED RIOTS ON "OUTSIDERS" (NON-STUDENTS). ALL FOUR DENIED HEARING SIREGAR MAKE STATEMENTS MALIGNING PRESIDENT SUHARTO, SUGGESTING POSSIBLE MILITARY COUP, OR CALLING FOR MASS ACTION LED BY STUDENTS OR CHANGE IN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

2. ASKED ABOUT CONTENT OF VARIOUS SIREGAR STATEMENTS AT STUDENT RALLIES DURING PRE-JANUARY PERIOD, ALL FOUR REPEATEDLY STATED THEY HAD NOT HEARD OR COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICS, LEADING JUDGE TO REMARK AT ONE POINT THAT COURT WOULD RENDER JUDGMENT REGARDLESS OF LIES TOLD BY STUDENT WITNESSES.

3. TWO WITNESSES STATED THAT STUDENT ROLL CALL AND MEETINGS AT TRISAKTI UNIVERSITY ON JANUARY 15 LASTED UNTIL NEARLY 2:00 P.M.; DEFENSE COUNCIL TASRIF ASKED COURT TO COMPARE THIS TO TIME WHEN ARSON AND LOOTING STARTED. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE (COMMENT: VIOLENCE STARTED AROUND NOON ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS.) END LIMITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. NON-UI STUDENTS STATED THAT EACH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MADE INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS ON PARTICIPATION IN PROTEST ACTIVITIES AND ON POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN, AND THAT UI OCTOBER 24 PETITION WAS NOT UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED BY OTHER UNIVERSITY DELEGATIONS AS BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS.

5. TWO WITNESSES (HUTADJULU AND PANEMANAN), BOTH OF WHOM HAVE BEEN UNDER DETENTION SINCE JANUARY EVENTS, LODGED PROTESTS WITH JUDGE. HUTADJULU STATED HE HAD NOT BEEN ALLOWED CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY AND THAT HIS BROTHER (ALSO UI STUDENT) HAD BEEN HELD "HOSTAGE" FOR HIM BY AUTHORITIES. PANGEMANAN INITIALLY REFUSED TO TAKE OATH AND OBJECTED TO READING OF HIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION STATEMENT ON GROUNDS IT OBTAINED THROUGH "INTELLIGENCE" METHODS WHILE HE UNDER CONDITION OF "MENTAL SHOCK" DURING EIGHT MONTHS OF DETENTION. HE DEMANDED TO BE GIVEN "RIGHTS OF A WITNESS" AND SAID HE WOULD ONLY TESTIFY ON BASIS HIS FORMAL STATEMENT TO PROSECUTORS. JUDGE REFERRED HUTADJULU REQUEST TO PROSECUTOR AND TOLD PANGEMANAN COURT WOULD DETERMINE RELEVANCE OF TESTIMONY.

6. HUTADJULU TESTIFIED HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY ANTI-SIREGAR FACTION OF UI COUNCIL TO JOIN IN SIGNING OF NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST SIREGAR, BUT HAD REFUSED. HE STATED REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE IN MEETING AT HOME OF LT. COL. UTOMO, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT-BACKED KNPI YOUTH ORGANIZATION. HE NOTED THAT LEADER OF ACTION, POSDAM HUTASOIT, HAD NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN COUNCIL AFFAIRS PRIOR TO FORMULATION OF NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION. FURTHER QUESTIONS BY DEFENSE COUNSEL CONCERNING FACTION'S ACTIVITIES AND BACKGROUND OF MOTION WERE BARRED BY JUDGE IN RESPONSE TO PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST THAT SUCH MATTERS NOT RELEVANT TO TRIAL. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE (COMMENT: FURTHER QUESTIONING ALONG THIS LINE WOULD LIKELY HAVE LED TO MENTION OF MURTOPO OR HIS OPSUS INTELLIGENCE GROUP.) END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

7. MAIN WITNESS AT 25TH AND 26TH SESSIONS WAS DRS. YUWONO SUDARSONO OF UI SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY, FACULTY ADVISOR OF UI DISCUSSION GROUP CHAIRED BY SIREGAR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(PROSECUTION CHARGES LINK DISCUSSION GROUP WITH OCTOBER 24 STUDENT PETITION AND START OF PROTEST ACTIVITIES.) YUWONO OBJECTED TO READING OF HIS INVESTIGATION REPORT, PARTICULARLY PORTION CONCERNING SJAHRI (ANOTHER DETAINEE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSION GROUP) ON GROUNDS IT NOT DIRECTED AT SIREGAR TRIAL AND CONTAINED ONLY OPINIONS AND PERSONAL CONCLUSIONS. WHEN JUDGE DECLARED THAT POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF ACCUSED AND "THOSE BEHIND ACCUSED" WAS RELEVANT IN A SUBVERSION TRIAL, DEFENSE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CONTINUE TO EXAMINE BACKGROUND OF ANTI-SIREGAR COUNCIL FACTION AS WELL, IN ORDER TO ENSURE A FAIR TRIAL. JUDGE REPLIED THAT ANTI-SIREGAR FACTION WAS NOT ON TRIAL, BUT ASSURED DEFENSE COURT WOULD NOT ALLOW CONTINUATION OF ANY QUESTIONING CONSIDERED IRRELEVANT.

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8 YUWONO STATEMENT ANALYZED POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DISCUSSION GROUP AND BANNED SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI). STATEMENT NOTED THAT POPULAR ASSOCIATION OF TWO BODIES PROBABLY STEMMED FROM COINCIDENCES SUCH AS NAME OF SJAHRIR WHICH REMINISCENT OF SUTAN SJAHRIR (FORMER PSI LEADER), ASSOCIATIONS OF SJAHRIR AND SIREGAR WITH PROF. SARBINI (EX-PSI ACTIVIST ALSO UNDER DETENTION WHO IS SJAHRIR'S MENTOR AND SIREGAR'S FATHER-IN-LAW), AND SIMILARITY IN STRUCTURE OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS BOTH OF WHICH LIMITED MEMBERSHIP TO A SELECT GROUP OF HIGHLY CAPABLE PEOPLE.

9. AS FOLLOWING SESSION SEPT 14, YUWONO BEGAN TESTIMONY WITH DEMAND THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO RETRACT STATEMENTS IN PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AS "PERSONAL OPINIONS" ONLY, STATING HE WOULD REFUSE FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN TRIAL AND WOULD CONSIDER COURT TO BE A POLITICAL COURT PREJUDICED AGAINST DEFENDANT IF HIS DEMAND NOT GRANTED. JUDGE STATED COURT WOULD DETERMINE LATER IF WITHDRAWAL OF STATEMENT WAS JUSTIFIED. AFTER BEING REMINDED OF PENALTY FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, YUWONO APOLOGIZED FOR STATEMENT THAT COURT PREJUDICED.

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10. FINAL WITNESS OF WEEK WAS BENY SUDIRO, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY (JOGJAKARTA) STUDENT COUNCIL. SUDIRO STATED HE RESISTED AGITATION BY SIREGAR DURING VISIT TO JOGJA IN MID-DECEMBER AIMED AT PERSUADING GADJAH MADE STUDENTS TO JOIN PROTEST MOVEMENT. SUDIRO QUOTED SIREGAR AS SAYING THAT PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS AND KOPKAMTIB MUST BE DISBANDED AND THAT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS UI STUDENTS WOULD TAKE TO THE STREETS ALONE IF NECESSARY. SIREGAR DENIED LATTER STATEMENT, AND NOTED THAT PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO JOGJA THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN DEMONSTRATIONS IN JOGJA ANDSYHAT OTHER VISITING SPEAKERS INCLUDING BUYUNG NASUTION AND GENERAL NASUTION HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR DISBANDING OF ASPRIS AND KOPKAMTIB.

11. ATTENDANCE AT TRIAL CONTINUED TO DECLINE DURING WEEK, AND WAS ESTIMATED AT SEVENTY TOTAL INESDE COURTROOM (WHICH HAS ROOM FOR 200) ON SEPT 12. (NOTE: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FIGURES REPRESENTED "OVERFLOW" CROWD OUTSIDE COURTROOM.) ONE INCIDENT WAS RECORDED OUTSIDE COURT DURING WEEK, ALSO ON THE 12TH, WHEN STUDENT WHO WISHED TO PRESENT A BOOK (WRITTEN BY FORMER VICE PRESIDENT HATTA) TO SIREGAR WAS PREVENTED FROM ENTERING THE COURT AND THEN DETAINED AND TAKEN TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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12. ALL COMMENTARY ON TRIAL TO DATE WILL BE FORWARDED

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